



JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES



Embrace a Jewish Family for Chanukah

The holiday of Chanukah is a wonderful opportunity for your family to learn about the importance of tzedakah, social responsibility, and compassion for those in need. Many families in our community are still struggling financially due to the economic downturn and have difficulties purchasing presents to give their children during the holiday. There are also many older and disabled adults living on limited and fixed incomes who need to be remembered. At this time of year, individuals and families need a break from the reality of life's struggles. This is a great way for you, your family, group, and/or business to make the holiday a little brighter for a family who is experiencing difficulties.

You can help right now. Several agencies throughout the Jewish community are collaborating with



JFS to provide a special holiday for the families in need in our community. Gifts will be needed for all age groups: children (younger and older); teens and tweens; and young, middle age and older adults. Purchase new, unwrapped gifts which are both fun and/or practical. Please remember that many of our families in need cannot afford many of the "luxuries" that we take for granted, such as clothing, paying for a haircut, going out to the

movies, eating at a restaurant, attending a sporting event or musical performance, purchasing books, educational toys, CDs, kitchen equipment, and art supplies. Chanukah is the one time of year that we can provide these special items.

Use this is an opportunity to do a mitzvah for children and individuals who did not choose their financial situation. Please look for additional information from JFS as well as our collaborative partners this month for more details about how you can help. All gift drives will run through December 9.

You are Invited to a Gift Wrapping Party

On Sunday, December 11, from 2-4 PM JFS will hold a "wrapping party" to wrap all the donated Chanukah gifts which will be distributed to families in the community. The party will take place at in Weinberg Senior Center at Shalom Park, 5007 Providence Road.

Individuals, families and children of all ages are invited to volunteer to help wrap gifts. Refreshments will be served. This is a great family activity. If you would like to participate in the wrapping party, please call JFS at 704-364-6594 or email info@jfscharlotte.org to RSVP. We are also in need of donated Chanukah wrapping paper for this event. If you have a few extra rolls please drop them off at the JFS office.

Save the Date

JFS will be holding its annual Chanukah Party for Senior Adults on Thursday, December 15 from 10:30 AM-1 PM in Gorelick Hall. If you are part of our senior community you will not want to miss this event. There are always traditional crispy potato latkes as well as lively klezmer entertainment. This party is sponsored in part by the generosity of Norman Steinberger. Many volunteers are needed to set up, serve lunch and assist the seniors. If you would like to volunteer to assist at this



At the annual JFS Chanukah party, local seniors participate in candle lighting, latke eating, and lots of singing.

event, please contact Natalie Tunney at 704-364-6594. ☆

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The B'nai Mitzvah of Jack and Alex Herbstman to Shevi and Don Herbstman from Susan and Ben Aizenman

The B'nai Mizvah of Amy and Barry Sobel from Debra and Ed Pizer

The engagement of Ann and Mitchell Levine's daughter Amy, from Laura, Barry, Rachel, and Daniel Reich

The engagement of Claire and Paul Putterman's daughter Rachel, from Laura, Barry, Rachel, and Daniel Reich

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO
Linda and Mark Rothman from Elise Menaker

IN MEMORY OF
Buster Oxman to Allan Oxman from Gary and Maxine Silverstein

Frimi Orel's brother Phil Spiegel to Frimi Orel and Lindsay and Wendy Sondag from Bernice and Buddy Roberts

Grace Smith to Marty Husney from Eleanor and Paul Turk, Lynn and Paul Edelstein

Isaac Jacobowitz to Elka Bernstein from Chantal and Ilya Rubin

Jan Willenzik Lefkowitz to Carla Willenzik, Carol Bashuk, Elizabeth Goodman, and Marci and Rick Willenzik from Donna and Todd Birnberg

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Jewish Preschool on Sardis

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Her answer was an ad for JPS. "[Kids] learn the little things we don't think about: independence, self confidence, listening, speaking at appropriate times. They understand the expectations of a classroom." She added, "JPS was the best preparation for his developmental level. His school experience [at JPS] got him ready for kindergarten. He is soaking up everything! Academics are coming in a flood, because he was so well prepared. I'm excited to watch the growth now with Sarah."

While Sarah may be excited to come to school every day, Lori is just as excited as well. She has stated to parents in formal and

informal settings that JPS allows parents to be as involved with the school as they can or want to be. Lori started off by volunteering on committees for Book Fair, Hamentashen baking day, teacher appreciation week, and anyplace else that she was needed. She then moved on to chairing committees and is now PTO president. While many parents want to participate in any way possible, not everyone wants to or is able to. We know that many families are stretched with time commitments and so we ask that families give what they can in terms of time. Lori states, "Families have numerous opportunities to help continue and create the school community inside

and outside of the school."

I am appreciating all that JPS has to offer, and I continue to find new and exciting things that are special to our school each day. We work hard to support our the mission of JPS in promoting discovery through stimulating environments, valuing children for their unique attributes, and allowing them time to grow cognitively, socially, emotionally and physically in a Jewish preschool. We welcome anyone who would like to learn more about JPS and all of the programs we offer to call our office at 704-364-8395 and arrange a personal tour. Our families love what we do and we know you will too. ☆